Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Acts 2:2

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High School Students Perform Notable Project

by Marion Vedell, member of Advent Lutheran Church in Snohomish

Following worship on Sunday, May 23, a member Michael Warncke met me as I exited the church. He asked me this question. "What should I do with some funds my classmates and I raised for *Stand With Africa*?"

Michael explained to me that a class assignment in his block class (including Social Studies) was to coordinate an international project and a local project. Michael thought that raising funds for *Stand With Africa* would be a worthwhile, international project. So, he and his friend, Matt Prunier, did just that. Together they raised $53 for this cause.

The funds have been sent to the office of ELCA World Hunger in Chicago. That office will direct the funds to *Stand With Africa.*

Michael and Matt were both sophomores at Jackson High School in Seattle at the time they carried out this project. Thank you Michael and Matt for your thoughtful and commendable work.

Editor's Note: Cindy Kopperstad, chair, synod hunger committee, said, "It is exciting to see our youth become involved in the hunger issue. It is not the amount you raise, but the fact that you get involved. These two boys are wonderful examples of how to help others."

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Synod News and Information

Synod Constitution

The Northwest Washington Synod Constitution and Bylaws, as amended through 2004, is now available on the synod website at www.lutheransn.org/leadership. Check out the other documents that are also available on this page.

Workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct

The next scheduled workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30, at Faith Lutheran, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle.

This workshop will be led by Rev. Eldon Olson (ret.) and is for roster persons and youth leaders. (Rostered persons are expected to attend. Youth leaders are invited to attend.) Cost is $45. There is a workshop size limit of 25 persons. Please contact the synod office to register at 206-783-9292 or email office@lutheransnw.org.

Bishop's Convo

Please see page 6 of this newsletter for information on the 2004 Bishop's Convocation Information.

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Deadline for the September 2004 issue of Soundings *and* The Spirit *is Monday, Aug. 2. Send information to: Margit Peiffle, 21721 88th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223; margit@lutheransnw.org; 360-403-9870; fax 360-435-5955.*

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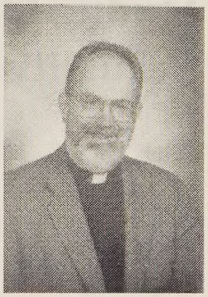
A Word From The Bishop



Rev. Chris Boerger

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:3 - 6 NRSV

St. Paul knew the importance of giving thanks. First the thanks is offered to God who is the true giver of every good gift. Second, Paul speaks to those for whom he is thanking God. This synod and this office give thanks to God for the faithful service of Donene Blair.

Donene will be leaving our employ at the end of this month. She has worked for the Lutheran Church for 18 years. She has been in this synod office since the synod opened its doors in 1988. She has provided faithful service to this church. Her job has changed and expanded over the years, but she has continued to serve us with her organization and her commitment.

When we formed the Northwest Washington Synod, we made sure that we placed a two-term limit on all elected leaders. This was to ensure that new thinking and new persons would lead us. This was and is a good idea. The down side of this policy is where do we find the consistency and the knowledge so that we do not repeat the same mistakes. Donene has enabled us to change leadership and to keep the collective story alive.

I am surprised to learn that not all in the synod know that Donene is not a member of our denomination. She is a member of the United Methodist Church. She also has had the role of ecumenical voice in this Lutheran office. In that faith tradition, she has heard the call to ministry. After seeing the ups and downs of ministerial life from the synod office, it is a true call of the Spirit for her to now pursue a seminary education!

I give thanks to God for the faithful service of Donene Blair to this Synod and to Christ's church. She has shared with us in the gospel from the first day of this synod's life until now. She leaves us officially on August 31, but her last day in the office is Friday, August 6. I invite you to give thanks to God and to also give thanks to Donene as we bless her on her way.

Thanks be to God.

The Timeline—ELCA Studies On Sexuality

More than 100,000 *Journey Together Faithfully: Part Two* booklets are currently in circulation. To date, more than 6,000 responses have been received by the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality. Below are just some of the upcoming dates. (For a listing of all dates and details, please visit www.elca.org/faithfuljourney):

- October 31, 2004—
  Last date for responses to *Journey Together Faithfully: Part Two.*
- December 10-12, 2004—
  The task force develops its report and recommendations on blessing committed same-gender relationships and rostering of approved candidates who are in committed same-gender relationships; task force begins giving full attention to the preparation of a draft social statement on human sexuality.
- January 12, 2005 (target date)—
  Confidential preview of the Task Force Report for ELCA Leaders.
- January 13, 2005 (target date)—
  Public release of the Task Force Report. At noon (EST), the *Report and Recommendations* is posted on the ELCA website and sent by mail to all ELCA congregations and rostered leaders.
- January–March, 2005—
  All congregations are encouraged to study the *Report and Recommendations* of the task force. Responses are directed to synods for follow-up by synod councils and assemblies.
- March 10-12, 2005—
  The Division for Church in Society (DCS) and Division for Ministry (DM) boards meet concurrently to receive the report and to forward the document to the ELCA Church Council.
- April 8-11, 2005—
  The ELCA Church Council receives the *Report and Recommendations* and any additional comments and recommendations from the boards and prepares a resolution for Churchwide Assembly action.
- April-June, 2005—
  Synod Assemblies receive the *Report and Recommendations* and provide opportunity for discussion and response through memorials to the Churchwide Assembly.
- August 8-14, 2005—
  The ELCA Churchwide Assembly considers the *Report and Recommendations* and the proposed resolutions from the ELCA Church Council and determines appropriate action.

Healthy Congregations

Healthy Congregations workshops will be offered at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue (3030 Bellevue Way N.E.) on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. on the following dates in 2004: Oct. 24 and Nov. 21. In 2005 Healthy Congregations will be held on: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, April 10, and May 1.

The Healthy Congregations Program was developed by Peter L. Steinke, a Lutheran pastor and counselor, who serves as a consultant to clergy and congregations nationwide. The Healthy Congregations Workshop concept was developed to promote vitality and strong leadership in congregations.

For more information contact facilitators: Anne Bly at 425-451-2881 or Roselyn Olson at 425-822-7907.

An Ecumenical Anti-Racism Training Event

by Margit Peiffle, Synod Communications Specialist and member of Our Saviour's in Arlington

The cross burning incident in Arlington might have happened several months ago, but the issue is still with us. And we know all too well that racial problems are not limited to Arlington. We have heard about the recent racial incidents in Edmonds and in Everett. And those are the ones that were reported in the media.

Our synod is fortunate to have a group of volunteers who are trained to help us learn how to not be racist.

The Stillaguamish Cluster and the Arlington Ministerial Association have invited our Synod's Anti-Racism Committee to spend the day with us to help us become advocates for racial justice and to empower us to become anti-racist allies and advocates.

Come join us for this important event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Our Saviour's, 615 East Highland Drive in Arlington. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Pastor Carl Gabrielson at 360-435-8921 or email at cgabrielson@earthlink.net.

The Stillaguamish Cluster includes: Camano on Camano Island, Faith in North Lakewood, Freeborn in Stanwood, Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood, Our Saviour's in Stanwood, Our Saviour's in Arlington, and Peace in Silvana. Members of the Synod's Anti-Racism Committee who have been trained in Chicago to lead this workshop are: Sharon Lone-Browder, Associate in Ministry, and chair of the committee; Kathy Long; Myrtle Davis and Mark Kremen. The Arlington Ministerial Association includes: Bryant Community Church, Arlington United Church, Immaculate Conception, Atonement Free Lutheran Church, St. Andrew Orthodox Church and Our Saviour's.

Living Liturgy

Worship is at the very heart of Christian community. Our common prayer both forms and expresses who and whose we are. Life-filled worship is the experience of true evangelization for the first-time attendee.

Yet, many Lutherans and others are asking whether their experience of worship is truly welcoming, passionate and relevant. Is it possible for worship to be faithful to a living tradition, welcoming and inviting to the unchurched, vibrant and spirit-filled while simultaneously bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ into a real and prophetic engagement with the larger world?

The Synod's Worship Committee and the Region 1 Outreach Committee are offering an opportunity to learn practical techniques for all ministries. The event is called *Living Liturgy* and will be held from November 18-20 at Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood. Presenters are: Susan Briehl, Daniel Erlander, Marty Haugen, Mary Preus and Tom Witt.

Costs: Full event (7 p.m. Thursday through 4 p.m. Saturday) $85, includes two lunches; Saturday only (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) $50, includes lunch; Saturday only, group registration for congregations of four or more, $25 each attendee, includes lunch; Friday evening's concert/songfest (7 p.m.), free will offering.

For registration information visit www.elcaregion1.org or call Cathie Carlisle at 206-624-0093, ext. 111; for event information contact Susan Burchfield at susanvb@earthlink.net or 206-622-1930; or visit www.livingliturgy.com

2004 Bishop's Convo

The 2004 Bishop's Convocation retreat will be held from Sunday, Oct. 10, through Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash. Keynote speaker is Peter Steinke, *Health Congregations*. Steinke will speak on Family Systems (healthy relationships within our homes, churches and synod). Michael Nel, Director of Consultation to Clergy in Region 1, will also speak. All rostered personnel and spouses are invited to attend.

Cost is $208 (each) for double occupancy or $328 for single occupancy. The cost includes two nights lodging and use of all the resort amenities, a salmon/chicken buffet dinner on Sunday evening, two buffet continental breakfasts, lunch on Monday and coffee breaks. A commuter rate of $108 includes program and meals, but no lodging or resort amenities.

Registration deadline (completed form and payment) is Wednesday, Sept. 1. The registration form is available on the synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org/leadership.

New Host for Lutheran Vespers

The Rev. Peter W. Marty, senior pastor of St. Paul in Davenport, Iowa, will assume the role of host of *Lutheran Vespers* in 2005. Marty's first broadcast will be Feb. 13. Marty's role as host is part-time, and he will remain as senior pastor of St. Paul, a 2,900-member congregation.

Marty, 45, will succeed the Rev. Walt Wangerin Jr., who announced he will leave the radio ministry after serving more than 10 years as speaker. Wangerin said he wanted to leave the radio ministry to concentrate on teaching and writing, and his family.

For more information about *Lutheran Vespers* visit www.elca.org/lv. For more information about St. Paul please visit www.stpaulqc.org.

If you are interested in bringing *Lutheran Vespers* back to a radio station in our area, please contact the synod office at 1-800-244-6997 or email LutheranVespers@lutheransnw.org.

Update

Board of Pensions

☑ **Preliminary 2005 Contribution Rates**—These rates are now available online. Employers will be mailed a hard copy of the actual 2005 contribution rates for their geographic area when the rates are finalized in August. For more information about preliminary 2005 rates and a link to rates for your area, see www.elcabop.org/news_events/news_articles/news_article.asp?id=111.

☑ **Online Calculators**—As you prepare next year's budgets and synodical compensation guidelines, please use preliminary 2005 rates with our contribution amount and total compensation calculators. Finalized rates will be available in August.

☑ **Social Security Tax Allowance**—The Social Security tax allowance portion of our defined compensation calculator has been refined to help you with your budgeting. Visit the online calculators at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/calculators.

☑ **Salary Reduction**—Beginning in July, employers will be billed retroactively for salary-reduction and housing equity contributions. In mid-July employers will have received their billing notice for July. There will be no lapse in your contributions.
To comply with IRS regulations, please remit your contribution payment after the money is withheld from your pastor, churchworker or other employee's check.

☑ **Resources for Seminarians**—The ELCA Board of Pensions has resources for seminary students. Health plan information for 2004–2005 as well as other tips and guides are now available at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/seminarian.

The Advocates Corner

By Rev. Paul B. Benz, Director, Lutheran Public Policy Office

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How about a Car Free/Drive Less Sunday at your church? I encourage you to implement this idea before summer ends or as fall begins.

What is a *Car Free/Drive Less Sunday*? The main purpose of this idea is to focus our hearts and minds on the impact that driving has on our environment. The main question is: Can you get to church by walking, riding a bike, taking the bus or car pooling?

As you probably know, the main environmental issue that relates to driving your car to church is global warming and the greenhouse gases that contribute to it. The CO2's (carbon dioxide) that are emitted by our cars and trucks are a major source of greenhouse gases. The word *greenhouse* is used to signify that the emissions from cars, trucks and industrial plants (coal fired) that trap heat in the earth's atmosphere. This heat gradually increases the earth's temperature. For example, the melting of the polar ice caps has become a major sign of global warming, and the effects will continue for people/communities/cities living on coastal areas or on islands.

Car Free/Drive Less Sundays is an easy way to raise our consciousness about our environment and to get us to think about our care for creation. Let's "dust off" our ELCA's social statement entitled *"Care for Creation"* and order the new *Congregational Environmental Audit Guide* (www.elca.org/dcs/epr/environment/envindex.html). This guide will help you determine how your church can be a more energy efficient steward. Also, don't forget this as an evangelism tool. We live in an area where many in our communities are environmentally conscious and might be pleasantly surprised to be invited to ride their bike to church with a neighbor.

How does a *Car Free/Drive Less Sunday* work? As usual it takes two or three like minded people or just one dedicated soul to do it. Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPP0) and Earth Ministry, a Seattle based religious environmental ministry, has a wonderful resource packet to publicize the Sunday(s) that also includes a brochure, which emphasizes how to be involved. I also encourage a letter writing table on a related environmental issue when you do this. LPPO can to help with this.

Trinity in Everett is going to try the *Car Free/Drive Less Sunday* this summer. As a member of Trinity I have personally committed to ride my 34-year-old, 10-speed bike, the 3.5 miles to church for three Sundays. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a more environmentally friendly congregation, or to receive the above mentioned resource packet, please let me know.

Online Courses Available

Three online courses offered by the Center for Theology and Land a joint program sponsored by Wartburg Theological Seminary and University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, are now available. Questions can be directed to 563-589-3117 or by email at ruralmin@wartburgseminary.edu. More information can be found at www.ruralministry.com. The courses are:

- *Engaging the gospels: Perspectives on Following Jesus*—Dr. James Bailey, Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Wartburg is the instructor. Course dates are Sept. 15 - Nov. 10
- *Learning Communities in the Church*—Dr. Norma Cook Everist, Professor of Church Administration and Educational Ministry at Wartburg is the instructor. Course dates are Sept. 15 - Nov. 10.
- *The Vocation of Ministry*—Dr. Gary Neal Hansen, Assistant Professor of Church History at the University of Dubuque. Course dates are Sept. 15 - Nov. 10.

Holden Village Events

Liturgy and Ecology

How can Christian worship root us more richly in the earth? How can it avoid being an escape to some heaven that is up and away from here? Pastors, musicians, readers, dancers and other worshipers can be part of the conversation this fall at a lively conference at Holden Village.

Registration is open for Holden's 2004 liturgical conference *Sacred Time, Holy Ground: Christian Worship in Earth's Ecology* to be held September 27 - October 1.

Featured speakers are Dorothy Bass, author of *Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time*; Paul Santmire, author of *Nature Reborn: The Ecological and Cosmic Promise of Christian Theology*; Ben Stewart, former village pastor and a fellow at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia; and musicians Mary Preus and Tom Witt, members of the musical ensembles Bread for the Journey and Cross-Culture. Conference fee is $255. Visit www.holdenvillage.org for more information.

Elderhostel

Holden Village will host an Elderhostel program available for people over 55 years old. For many years, Elderhostel groups have enjoyed the autumn beauty of the mountains and a sample of life in community. Elderhostel guests will enjoy short nature hikes, health and wellness for those over 55, and woodcarving with a master wood-carver. Contact Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 (toll free) for more information.

Prayer Ventures

Now Available Only Online

Beginning with the September/October issues, *Prayer Ventures* will be offered online only at www.elca.org/prayerventures. It will no longer be mailed in the Action Packet.

Prayer Ventures will still be in several formats: the traditional layout; in print-ready pdf format; and in word-processing formats, allowing for incorporation into other uses, such as newsletters or bulletins. For those without Internet access, the ELCA Division for Global Mission will print copies and mail them out. If you wish to receive printed copies on a regular basis, please contact Mia Cortez at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2642.

Rick Steves Hosts

Mosaic On St. Paul

The Life of Apostle Paul with Rick Steves is the ELCA's Mosaic Television's June release. This is 45-minute documentary traces the life of St. Paul. Steves, a noted television personality and travel author, is guest host for the program. Steves is also a member of Trinity in Lynnwood.

The program was shot on location in Antioch, Tarsus, Perga, Lystra and Iconium in central and southern Turkey. In Greece, the Mosaic Television crew visited Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica and Philippi.

The program features interviews with the Rev. Walt Wangerin Jr., author of *Paul: A Novel.* Others who appear in the program are the Rev. Susan R. Briehl, Spokane, Wash., associate with the Project on Education and Formation, Valparaiso University; and the Rev. Craig R. Koester, professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Mosaic is for educational use in a variety of congregational settings. It is available in VHS and DVD formats. Each issue includes a user's guide and discussion questions. Mosaic is issued quarterly. Annual subscriptions are available. For more information contact www.elca.org/mosaic/ or by contacting 1-800-638-3522, ext. 6009.

Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

In The Region 1 Resource Center

Sisters Bible Study for Women: Knowing God, Making God the Main Thing in My Life is a new Bible study will help women deepen their relationship with God and others. As participants in Sisters groups journey together they will connect and apply the Scriptures to their daily lives, mature in their faith and grow closer to God and each other. The series includes six sessions on one videotape: The Clues We Need, What Faith We Have, Shaping the Invisible, A Life of Moral Excellence, Divine Destiny and The Big Picture. Ask for V-1359.

News and Notes

- **Rev. David Ellingson** has accepted a position to teach in the Youth and Family Ministry Department at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. Ellingson will also serve as Director of Trinity's Children, Youth & Family Center..
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Rev. Sarah France** who has accepted a call to Morning Star in Monroe. She was installed on June 20.
- In September, Authors Online will be discussing *Public Church: For the Life of the World* by **Cynthia D. Moe-Lobeda.** Moe-Lobeda explores what it means for the ELCA to play a role in public life today. Go to www.lutherlink.org/books to learn more.
- In response to customer feedback, **Augsburg Fortress** has redesigned and expanded its website (www.augsburgfortress.org). The site now offers a wide range of free tools and in-depth information to meet your worship and education planning needs. Content feeds are also available to help congregations enhance their websites with regularly updated content, including daily Bible verses, weekly lectionary readings and festivals of the church. The new Community Discussion Forums give visitors a chance to ask questions, share insights and learn what others are doing. More significant enhancements are planned for 2005.
- **A new resource on prayer** has been launched on the ELCA website at www.elca.org/prayer. Not only does the new site provide resources for individuals and congregations seeking to expand their prayer life; but through scripture, art and music the user is invited to take time for prayer.
- **Foss Home and Village in Seattle** is looking for special seniors. Is there a senior who has touched your life, your church or your community? If so, Foss Home would like to honor them. Please contact David Stamper prior to August 1 at 206-364-1300 or email at dstamper@fosscare.org.
- **Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson** will participate in a public forum with Patricia Killen of the PLU Religion Dept. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU in Tacoma. The topic is *A Missional Church for a Missional Culture: A New Vision for Evangelism in the Northwest.* For more information call 253-535-7423 or visit www.plu.edu/~crel/events/.
- **Lutherwood Benefit Auction and Open House** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7. Join others as Lutherwood celebrates another year of ministry and support at Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center in Bellingham. Visit www.camplutherwood.org for more information.

Within Our Family

To Keep in Our Prayers...

† **Donene Blair,** exective assistant, on the death of her husband, Bob Blair. Bob passed away unexpectedly on July 3. His memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church of Bellevue on July 10. Cards may be sent to the synod office at 5519 Phinney Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103 or email to donene@lutheransnw.org. Peace to his memory.

† **Rev. John-Otto Liljenstolpe** whose father, John W. Swanson, passed away in June. His funeral was held in Omaha, Nebraska. Prayers of thanksgiving for his 88 years of life and for his peaceful death.

† The family of **Rev. Frank Ericksen.** He was the father of **Rev. Leonard Ericksen and Rev. John Ericksen, and the brother of Rev. Henry Ericksen,** all on the roster of the Northwest Washington Synod. Pastor Frank Ericksen served Bethlehem in Marysville; Good Shepherd in Snohomish; Burlington in Burlington; Edison in Bow; and Emmanuel in Longview. After his retirement in 1974, he was visitation pastor at St. Mark's in Tacoma for 20 years. He was 97 years old. The service was held on July 5 at Emmanuel, Longview. Memorial gifts may be made to: Frank, James and Henry Ericksen Scholarship Fund, Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108-1496; or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2218 E Kessler Blvd., Longview, WA 98632-1846. Please keep the Ericksen family in your prayers.

† The family of **Bobbie Domenico** who passed away on June 23. Many of you will remember Bobbie as the cheerful voice on the phone in the synod office from 1989 to 1995. A service for Bobbie was held in Savannah, Georgia, and a private graveside service was held for the family. Peace to her memory.

† **Cherilyn Anderson, wife of Rev. Arnold Anderson,** who is continuing chemotherapy. Pastor Anderson is serving as interim pastor at Vashon, Vashon Island.

† **Rev. Randy Sinn, pastor at Faith, North Lakewood.** Pastor Sinn, his sister, Barbara, and his brother Chris are healing from their surgeries earlier this year.

† **Phil Young, husband of Linda Albert Young.** Phil has recently learned that the leukemia has returned and he is back in the hospital. Please pray for Linda, Phil and their son, Gabriel, in their continuing journey.

† **Rev. Donna Reilly Williams** recently had two surgeries on her right hand.

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Within Our Family

She also continues to recover from ankle surgery.

† **Rev. Paul Wuest** has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing treatment at this time. Cards may be sent to: 12718 SE 254th Ct.; Kent, WA 98031; prwuest@comcast.net.

† **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)** as he deals with progressive muscular dystrophy.

† **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** as he learns to do new things.

† At the regular T**uesday worship and synod staff meeting,** we pray for our pastors, churches and members. We pray for all involved in Vacation Bible School, the pastors, the volunteers and the children. We pray for the health and healing of those we mention in our hearts. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our companion synods in Ethiopia and Russia as they continually grow in their faith while struggling to survive. May they find peace, love and happiness through knowing the grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God. We pray for the pastors, churches and members of the Southwestern Texas Synod, as we are partnered with them by Churchwide. We pray for the country of Iraq as they begin their new independent government. We pray for peace.

***Within Our Family** depends upon you–not only for prayers, but also your prayer requests. Please contact the Synod office with any additions to this column.*

Items Needed

Morning Star in Monroe is in need of a couple of items. Please contact Morning Star at 360-794-2111 if you have one or both of these items and you are able to donate them to this congregation:

- Long stem candle lighters for acolytes.
- One dozen long olive-green choir robes.

Youth Events

The Intersection: A Synodical Youth and Family Ministry Leadership Event is for ELCA synod leaders who know God is using the youth and family ministry movement to transform congregations and renew the church. This event will be held Aug. 26 - Aug. 29 at the Cabrini Retreat Center in DesPlaines, Il. Cost is $250 and includes room and board and a leadership manual. A $100 travel subsidy is available for airfare.

Let Justice Roll October, Oct. 9-11 at Holden Village. Registrar is Josh Post at post@tlc.edu.

Regional Youth Gathering (for youth in high school), Nov 26-28 at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane. Registrar is Kay Sawyers, fmdidgod@ida.net.

Employment Opportunities

More information regarding these positions is available at www.lutheransnw.org.

Positions Open

Christ the King in Snohomish

Parish Staff Musician—Organist sought for one traditional (LBW) Sunday worship and one-third of festivals, holy days and special worship services. Also accompany weekly adult choir rehearsal and the choir at the traditional worship. Salary commensurate with experience and abilities, based on AGO standards. **Adult Choir Dir**—Director sought for adult choir, participating in one (traditional) worship service Sunday mornings (Sept. through Pentecost), major festivals and occasional special worship services. Choir rehearses weekly. Professional level salary commensurate with training and experience, based on ALCM guidelines. Position may also be combined with Parish Staff Musician position, and possibly Children's choir director position. For either of these positions contact 360-568-5704 or email prjlg@msn.com. Website: www.ctksnohomish.org

Director, Holden Village

The Holden Village Board of Directors seeks nominations and applicants for Executive Director(s) of the village beginning summer 2005. All friends of the village are encouraged to nominate individuals or teams of individuals to lead this important ministry of renewal. Interested persons are also welcome to self-nominate. For more information visit www.holdenvillage.org/news/news2004spring/newdirector.html.

Organist/ Pianist

Our Savior in Issaquah is looking for a talented Organist/Pianist to accompany the adult Chancel Choir. This position is part-time. The congregation needs a flexible musician with a love for accompanying the full range of choral repertoire —from choir masterworks accompanied by organ to contemporary Christian and gospel piano styles. Position requirements: Weekly Wednesday night rehearsal, 7:30 – 9. Play in worship service 2-3 times/month. Choir season runs from September through June. Compensation: Per rehearsal $45, per Sunday $30. Call: 425-392-4169.

Youth and Family Leadership

St. John United in Seattle is looking for a part-time (10 hours per week) youth and family leader for the 2004-2005 program year. This person will focus on our middle/high school youth and families, encouraging them to discover their gifts in this community as well as their participation in our cooperative youth ministry. (Lutheran Youth of North Seattle, LYONS). Compensation: $12/hour based on 10 hours per week. Contact: Erik Gronberg (Seminary Intern; St. John United) at 206-784-1040 or email at egronber@luthersem.edu.

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Deaths		
Bruce E. Pond		6/12/2004
Installations		
Sarah S. France	Morning Star, Monroe	6/20/2004
Resignations		
Diane K. Hastings	Trinity, Lynnwood	6/30/2004

Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	James Miley, Interim
Bow, Edison	PR	C	Linda Larson, Interim
Burien, Glendale	PR	P	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Edmonds, St. Matthew	PR	TR	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Everett, Faith	PR	NV	Interim pending
Everett, Our Savior's	A	C	David Parks, Pastor
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	TR	Steve Nelson, Interim
Renton, Cross & Crown	PR	P	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim
Seattle, Peace	PR	TR	Linda Nou, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	David Daugs, Interim
Vashon, Vashon	PR	P	Arnold Anderson, Interim

Mobility Position Key:
PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Empahsi contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:
I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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